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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Said Zamani-Kord et al.

Serial No. 09/443,401

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For: TECHNIQUES TO PREVENT  
LEAKAGE OF FLUORESCING  
SIGNALS THROUGH PRINT  
MEDIA OR INDICIA TAPE

Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: Nguyen, K.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 3, 5 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject contained therein.

1. (Amended) A machine-readable indicia-bearing substrate structure, comprising:

a substrate having a first surface and a second surface;

a first information bearing indicia defined by a fluorescent material positioned adjacent to the first surface;

a second information bearing indicia defined by a fluorescent material positioned adjacent to the second surface; and

means for preventing interference between a first fluorescing signal emitted by the first indicia and a second fluorescing signal emitted by the second indicia during a detection process for reading information from said first indicia or said second indicia, said means including a reflective layer structure positioned between the first indicia and the second indicia,

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